

REMARKS

A certified copy of the priority document was filed in parent application No. 10/442,270. Nevertheless, in order to move this case forward and to ensure that the claim for priority is perfected, applicant submits herewith another formal Claim for Priority, with a certified copy of the priority document.

Applicant has amended Figs. 7, 16, and 17 to correct the cited informalities. Applicant also has amended the specification to correct the cited informalities.

Applicant has amended claims 4, 6, and 7 to be independent claims, including the features of the base claim. There were no intervening claims. The Examiner stated that claims 4, 6, and 7, so amended, are allowable.

Applicant has cancelled claim 1, rendering moot the § 102(b) rejection of this claim. Claims 2 and 5 are amended to depend from allowable claim 4, rendering moot the § 102(b) rejection of these claims.

Claims 3 and 4 have been amended to correct the cited informalities. Claim 3 also has been amended to depend from allowable claim 4, rendering moot the § 103(a) rejection thereof.

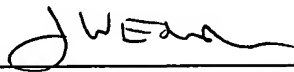
Applicant submits that independent claims 4, 6, and 7, and dependent claims 2, 3, and 5, are now in condition for allowance and requests reconsideration and allowance thereof.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Three sheets of Replacement Drawings
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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Please replace Figs. 7, 16, and 17 with the attached sheets of replacement drawings. Specifically, in Fig. 7, element “54” has been amended to read “170,” and the lead line for element “55” has been changed to point at the aperture.

Figs. 16 and 17 have been labeled “PRIOR ART”.

Attachments: Three Replacement Sheets (Figs. 7, 16, and 17)